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GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC VIEW

Egyptian security forces kill prominent Islamic State militant in North Sinai

Reuters, July 18

Egyptian security forces killed a prominent Islamic State militant on Tuesday suspected of being involved in recent attacks in North Sinai, an Interior Ministry statement said.

Turkey Leaks Secret Locations of U.S. Troops in Syria

TheDailyBeast.com, July 19

In the latest display of Turkish anger at U.S. policy in Syria, the state news agency has divulged the locations of 10 U.S. military bases and outposts in northern Syria where the U.S. is leading an operation to destroy the so-called Islamic State in its self-styled capital of Raqqa.

UK presses for phone database to convict extremists fighters

The National, July 17

Britain is pushing for the creation of a shared international database that would allow prosecutors to access data from the mobile phones of returning extremist fighters.

Ruthless Taliban branch is center stage in U.S.-Pakistan tensions

The Washington Post, July 19

When a fake sewage tanker truck carrying 3,000 pounds of explosives managed to reach a high-security district of Kabul on May 30, then detonated a huge bomb that left 150 people dead and 400 wounded, no insurgent or terror group claimed responsibility. But immediately, the rumors began to spread.

THREAT NETWORKS

Taliban offensive kills 5 policemen in northern Afghanistan Associated Press, July 18

Five policemen were killed and another six were wounded in a battle with the Taliban after the insurgents launched a three-pronged push in the northern Baghlan province.

North Korea Threatens to Annihilate the US if UN Imposes New Sanctions

The Chester Weekly, July 18

Pyongyang is expected to secure scores of nuclear weapons through its highly enriched uranium within three years, following the production of its plutonium-based nuclear bombs this year.

<u>Iran condemns new US sanctions, retaliates with its own</u> AFP, July 18

The U.S. slapped fresh sanctions on Iran Tuesday over its ballistic missile program. Iran's parliament retaliated by voting for extra funding for the missile program.

Islamic State's 'Mad Max' weapons of war

Reuters, July 18

Iraqi police displayed an anti-aircraft gun and 23 vehicles that had been turned into car bombs, all captured from Islamic State militants during the battle for the city of Mosul.

WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS

<u>Suicide bomber wounds five soldiers in Yemen attack: local official</u>

Reuters, July 18

A suicide car bomber wounded five soldiers outside a government army compound in eastern Yemen.

Taliban suicide bombing kills three Pakistan paramilitary personnel in Peshawar, nine injured

FIRSTPOST, July 17

A Taliban suicide bomber hit a vehicle carrying paramilitary force members and killed three soldiers.

IED kills civil defense officer, wounds 3 in Mosul

Iraqi News, July 18

A civil defence officer was killed and three of his assistants were wounded as an IED explosion.

Manipur: Four people including Assam Rifles jawan injured in IED blast in Imphal

Hindustan Times, July 18

Four people were injured when militants exploded an IED in Imphal.

TRAINING

EOD techs train for explosive situations

DVIDS, July 18

Explosive ordnance disposal Marines from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron conducted emergency destruct training at Target Island, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Japan.

COUNTER-UAS

The Army's Drone-Killing Lasers Are Getting a Tenfold Power Boost

Popular Mechanics, July 18

The U.S. Army's laser weapons will experience an enormous increase in power over the next five years as the laser industry continues to make rapid technological gains.

U.S. military budgets more for small unmanned aircraft services

Military&Aerospace Electronics, July 18

The U.S. military is budgeting for greater use of small unmanned aircraft systems for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) support.

VStar Systems brings signals intelligence to the civilian world UAS Magazine, July 18

VStars Systems, a private aerospace and defense company in California, has demonstrated its modular signal intelligence sensor. The sensor is being developed with civilian applications in mind, to include search-and-rescue and counter-UAS operations.